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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "TRAINING PROVIDED LDC NATIONALS IN
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AUDITING AND EVALUATION"

1. THE GAO HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT AND AID THAT IT
WOULD LIKE TO UNDERTAKE THE SUBJECT REVIEW IN SAN JOSE,
DATES OF THE VISIT SUBJECT TO THE CONCURRENCE OF THE
EMBASSY. SIMILAR REVIEWS ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN IN ECUADOR,
VENEZUELA, BRAZIL AND GUATEMALA. THE PURPOSE OF THE RE-
VIEW IS TO ASSESS THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S TRAINING NEEDS IN
CARRYING OUT THEIR FISCAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR MANAGING THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. THE GAO WILL IDENTI-
FY WHAT IT BELIEVES IS NEEDED COMPARED TO WHAT IS BEING
DONE AND MAY DEVELOP APPROPRIATE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING
WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. THEY WILL ALSO OBTAIN INFORMATION
ON THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING SYSTEMS
AND THEIR CAPABILITY TO PERFORM, ON THEIR OWN, A REVIEW
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AND EVALUATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. THE COMPTROLLER
GENERAL OF ECUADOR, WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
LATIN AMERICAN AFFILIATE (ILACIF) OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATION OF SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS (INTOSAI) HAS
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THIS GAO REVIEW. A GAO TEAM HAS
ALREADY VISITED THE UNITED NATIONS
TO DISCUSS WHAT TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED BY INTER-

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS.
THE GAO HAS ALSO REVIEWED AID EFFORTS IN SUBJECT FIELD.

2. TO FACILITATE THE TEAM'S FIELD WORK, THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE, EDUCATION AND PLANNING AND THE COSTA RICAN COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ITINERARY SHOWN IN PARA 3. APPOINTMENTS WITH THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNDP, OAS, IDB, AND IBRD ARE ALSO DESIRED. THE GAO TEAM ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE WEST GERMAN AND SWEDISH EMBASSIES AND OTHER EMBASSIES OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN SAN JOSE. THE GAO IS AWARE THAT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE AMBASSADOR, ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE EMBASSY AND AN EMBOFF TO ACCOMPANY, IF FEASIBLE.

3. THIS PROJECT WILL BE LED BY MR. MAX E. GREEN AND ASSISTED BY MS. EILEEN ANGLE FROM THE GAO LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH, PANAMA. THEIR PROPOSED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

ARRIVE SAN JOSE AUGUST 14 - AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS
AFTER MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY;

DEPART SAN JOSE AUGUST 25 - AVAILABLE FOR EXIT BRIEFING
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4. THE GAO WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT A REASONABLY PRICED HOTEL FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 14 THRU 24 FOR MR. GREEN AND MS. ANGLE. PLEASE CONFIRM RESERVATIONS AND NAME OF HOTEL TO DEPARTMENT WITH INFO TO PANAMA FOR GAO.

5. IT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GAO AND BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE GUIDELINES OF 4 FAM 930-934. ANY QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS THAT SHOULD ARISE DURING THE COURSE OF THE REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT. VANCE

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